SPLOA Board Meeting - September 30, 2000

A scheduled meeting of the board of directors was held on the 30th of September. The members present were Houston Ewing, Don Dorough, Ann Kurten, Charlene Palmer and Manuel Hernandez. The number present provided for a quorum to conduct business. This was an open meeting with some of our members present.

The first business was to provide the proper documents from the President, Vice President and Head of Maintenance for a bank signature card. It was stated that the winter security will be provided by a local resident Gary Mastas. A discussion about our present attorney, Mr. Malone, was held and it was decided to look into changing our attorney for our water case. A Mr. John McCloud has been recommended because he is an attorney that works only with water cases. Further inquires need to be made before this it is done but every board member was in favor.

Charlene has hired another attorney to do the work on our property liens and foreclosures his name is Richard Donnavan. His charges are less than we have been paying and he has a record of getting things done quickly.

The SPLOA insurance payment is due. Charlene presented our present coverage and we discussed if any changes could or should be made. She also shared some of the correspondence she had received.

Manuel brought up the fact that because of our ponds being so low that they may be overstocked. A look at them in April will provide the information needed to know if we should hold off on the first stocking and to also have food to feed the fish to increase their size.

We will have scheduled Board meetings May, 5, 2001, Memorial Day, July 4, 2001, August 4, 2001, September 4, 2001, and before the annual membership meeting.

The fact that gate keys were held by non-members and what to do about it was discussed. This will be brought up again at a later meeting.

The budget for the coming year was decided on and a designation of surplus funds was done. The need for some person or persons to volunteer as a summer manager was discussed and what they would do such as man the phone, open the gate for contractors and etc. This will come up at a later meeting.

Submitted by, Ann Kurten, Secretary

SPLOA Board Meeting - May 6, 2001

The board of directors met on May 6th for their first scheduled meeting of 2001. The next meeting will be held on Memorial Day,
May 28th. The members present were Houston Ewing, Don Dorough, Ann Kurten, Charlene Palmer and Manuel Hernandez. The number present provided for a quorum to conduct business. Our board of directors meetings are open to the membership of SPLOA. There were nine members present.

The first business was a presentation by Ellen Larsen concerning our local fire district. The present fire district is taking the legal steps to form The Organization of the Spanish Peaks and Bon Carbo Fire Protection District. She explained the need and the benefits and how we can help. Charlene was not sure if our Association had contributed to the fire district any time in the past. After discussion it was decided to contribute $200 this year.

The certified letter that the landowners of the association received from the Interior Department was discussed. It may be possible to delay the action requested until after our annual meeting at which time we could discuss it. Manuel stated that he is looking into the possibility of using a different company to stock fish for our ponds. The size of the fish was smaller than requested last year.

A letter from a tract owner was read and discussed. There have been several problems on the association in the past months, a possibility of poaching and the use of vehicles on the green belt areas. A letter will be sent to the members reminding them of the rules and regulations.

The possibility of changing our gate locking system was discussed. There are possibly better ways than the lock and key system that we have. There is a keypad system that Houston is familiar with and he will investigate the cost. Our new water engineer made the request for the annual water augmentation. A reply from the state has not been received yet. This was filed on the 13th of March. The engineer needs to come to our property and will probably do so in May. Our court case was postponed because the engineer needs answers to some questions before it can proceed. The new attorneys are specialist in real estate and water cases.

A possibility of gas drilling on our property was mentioned; we need to find out who has the mineral rights. Charlene will file a change of our fiscal year with the IRS to make our tax liability less. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by, Ann Kurten, Secretary
SPLOA Board Meeting - May 28, 2001

The SPLOA met at Manuel Hernandez's cabin. Those present were Manuel Hernandez, Huston Ewing, David Smith, Don Dorough and Ann Kurten. The number present provided for a quorum to conduct business.

The main business was to discuss the letter to be sent to the SPLOA Members. The letter will include the rules and regulations for the Association. A copy of the Declaration of Protective Covenants will also be sent.

Submitted by, Ann Kurten, Secretary

SPLOA Board Meeting - July 4, 2001

The Board of Directors of SPLOA met July 4, 2001 for a scheduled meeting. Those present were Don Dorough, Ann Kurten, Charlene Palmer, David Smith, Manuel Hernandez and Charles Miller. The number present provided for a quorum to conduct business.

There was a discussion about the lots on the Association not being marked so people trying to locate a particular lot can find them. We will try to put new numbers on the lots that have markers but nothing on them. It was stated that identifiable survey should be done before someone builds or puts a septic system on their lot. This would be their expense but would keep them from building in the wrong location.

Glen Lane was present at the meeting and was asked what was happening about the offer Terrain made to the town of Aguilar. He stated that the City Council of Aguilar had met and discussed it. They have planned a meeting with the Gonzales Ditch members but no date is known.

We also discussed our visit from our Attorney and Water Engineer in June and the fact that they are working on our water needs. Charlene gave a report on the Association’s finances and stated that there are five possible new liens on property because the dues have not been paid. There are 2 properties for sale by the Association at this time. Mention was made that the Spanish Peaks area is designated as a National Landmark also a Wilderness area.

David told of a plan another land development had for “For Sale” signs on property and suggested that we might consider doing something similar. This would be to have the for sale lots posted on the bulletin board after we had the lots marked so
they were identifiable and not have signs on the lots. Charlene said we could have our new map mounted and put in the Chapel to help people find lots they are looking for.

Manuel told that he is planning to have some leveling done on his lot and the excess dirt could be used to build up some of our roads. The association would pay for the hauling of the dirt to the road location. There was no disagreement in having this done.

It was mentioned that we need to get new rope for the pull downs in the Chapel. Our next scheduled meeting is on August 4. We need to inform the Association members of the time and place so they can attend.

Submitted by: Ann Kurten, Secretary.

SPLOA Board Meeting - August 4, 2001

The Board of Directors met August 4, 2001 for a scheduled meeting. Those present were Don Dorough, Houston Ewing, Manuel Hernandez and Ann Kurten. The number present provided for a quorum to conduct business. There were eleven member guests present to observe the meeting and they were invited to comment on the different issues.

The first discussion was about the metering of the return water from our system. It is being metered to show the amount that is returned to the ground, which was a request made by our water engineer. There may be some changes to the system.

Next we discussed the subject of using a new system to unlock the gate. This was discussed in the past but because more gate keys are being ordered it was deemed necessary to further investigate the use of a card system. Houston has experience with such a system and will try to get an estimate of the cost.

Manuel stated that Gary Mestas who was our winter security last winter would be hired to do it this coming winter.

Houston explained the water situation being worked on by our attorney and water engineer. The wells have not been needed so far this summer.

Houston asked if anyone knew of anyone having dirt work done so the Association could use the excess dirt to continue building up our roads.

Ann read a suggested paragraph pertaining to our Covenants that is to be sent with the ballot letter that will be sent out in a
few days. There was a discussion about it and some changes were made.

The agenda for the annual meeting will be finalized at the Board meeting before the annual meeting. Members are requested to send agenda items they want included to the Board before the meeting. One item was to have Game Warden Holder come to the meeting and give a talk about bears. Another item was about the tract owners putting a cable across the road to prevent us from using it. Another topic was about finding a way to fine four-wheelers who are driving recklessly or on restricted areas. The first thing to do would be to send a letter to the property owner who is responsible for the four-wheeler.

Henry Ford has made an effort to find a way to have current information about the fire risk posted. He has designed three bulletins to post at the chapel and entrance to inform the members what the current fire risk level is and what we can do when we want to have an outside fire.

The meeting was adjourned after more discussions with our guest members.
Submitted by: Ann Kurten, Secretary

AUGMENTATION PLAN INFORMATION 2001

Subject: Plan for Augmentation Date: 08/30/2001 11:36:48 AM Central Daylight Time
From: jrhill@bratton-mcclow.corn (John R. Hill, Jr.)
Reply-to: jrhill@bratton-mcclow.corn
To: HREWing243@aol.corn (Huston Ewing)
CC: ivan.walter@wwwheeler.corn (Inn Walter)

Houston,

I haven't heard from Ivan yet. He is probably out in the field. Therefore, I will explain the status as I know it. As you know, Ivan and I made a site reconnaissance on June 5 along with representatives of the Division Engineers office. I came away with the impression that we need to augment the Apishapa River in the reach between SPLOA and the headgate of the Gonzales Ditch. That means that SPLOA will have to find some credit for drying up some land that was historically irrigated with decreed water rights or release some of its stored water to make up for depletions resulting from domestic use. Ivan is investigating that. I believe we will very likely have to amend the
application again. However, Ivan and I will do our utmost to come up with a plan that does not involve the Gonzales Ditch.

We will likely have to apply for another Temporary Substitute Supply Plan (TSSP). The state officials spent the day with us and know we are doing what is necessary to address the problem and I do not forsee any significant problem in getting another TSSP approved.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

John R. Hill, Jr Bratton & McClow LLC

Subj: Re: Plan for Augmentation Date: 08/30/2001 11:57:00 AM Central Daylight Time
From: ivan.walter@wwwheeler.com (Ivan A. Walter)
Reply-to: ivan.walter@wwwheeler.com (Ivan A. Walter)
To: jrhill@bratton-mcclow.corn, HREWing243@aol.com (Huston Ewing)

Houston and John,

I apologize for not responding quicker.

I agree with John as to the plan. We have been in the collection of basic data stage. We have been collecting aerial photograph of SPLOA and the irrigated area under the Gonzales Ditch. We also have obtained diversion records for the Gonzales Ditch. I am anticipating working in late September. So by mid-October I should have some preliminary analysis completed for us to discuss.

Ivan A. Walter, P.E.
W. W. Wheeler & Associates, Inc

Minutes of Annual Meeting September 2, 2001

The annual meeting of the Spanish Peaks Landowners Association was called to order by President Houston Ewing at 1:05 p.m., September 2, 2001. There were 56 members present. The invocation was offered by W. L. Harris.

The ballots were collected and counted. A recess was called while this took place. There were two vacancies and they will be filled by Houston Ewing and Lonnie Stuht.
The revised By-Laws were approved by a hand vote of the members present. The votes that were sent in were also considered; they were all in favor of adopting the new By-Laws. Ann Kurten reminded the members that the By-Laws as in the past could be amended as needed.

The new members of the Association that were present were welcomed and introduced themselves.

The floor was opened for the nominations for the nominating committee. Those selected were:
Jackie Wyatt Denzil Muse Jack Bocock

The financial reports, copies of which were given to the members present, were explained by our treasurer Charlene Palmer. The Association at this time has a surplus which might be necessary to use for the settlement of the Gonzales Ditch case and/or attorney’s and water engineer’s fees. These monies are in a money market account. She stated that the annual dues would remain the same. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Jan Radcliff and passed.

President Ewing read e-mails that he had received from our attorney John Hill and our water engineer Ivan Walter. They are working on an augmentation plan for the Association that would be permanent when approved by the state. (These e-mails will be posted on our web site) There was a lengthy discussion of the Association’s water situation.

Houston recognized Tommy Poole for the good job he had done this summer as our water maintenance man. He has agreed to do the job next summer. Gary Mestas will return as our winter security.

President Ewing told the members that the Board of Directors is calling for a special meeting of the members to discuss the reviewing of our covenants and what, if any, changes the members might want to vote on. A covenant change has to be voted on by all of the members of the Association and passed by a majority vote. The majority of the respondents to the survey want the covenants to remain as they are and want them to be enforced but there are questions that need to be discussed and answered. The special meeting will be held at 1 am on May 26, 2002. A discussion followed.

There was a discussion about the gate locking system and the fact that it is no longer as secure as we would want since so many keys have been given out and are not accounted for. The Board has been discussing a system that would use a card to
unlock the gate. The pros and cons of this type of system were discussed.

It was noted that we had not voted on accepting the results of votes counted for the new Board members. The motion to accept the vote count was made by Manuel Hernandez and seconded by Jan Radcliff. It was passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ann Kurten, Secretary

After Members Annual Meeting September 02, 2001
Charlene Palmer, Houston Ewing, Manuel Hernandez and Ann Kurten were present for the meeting after the annual meeting to select the officers for the coming year. Houston Ewing was selected as the president, Don Dorough the vice president, Ann Kurten the secretary, and Charlene Palmer the treasurer. Manuel will continue to head the maintenance for the Association. Lonnie Stuht was chosen to be our representative to the Gonzales Ditch meetings.

The special meeting that will be held on May 26, 2002 was discussed. We want to be prepared to answer questions. Charlene will consult with the attorney that looked at our new By-Laws about our Covenants and other things pertaining to it. Houston will get estimates for the cost of a card lock system for our gate before any action is taken to replace the lock system we have.

The budget for the Association for 2001 was adopted for 2002. Added expenses for improving the roads were discussed, the roads need further building up and gravel used on top. Don Borough has been asked to get estimates for the materials and labor. We want to make our membership aware that if they are having any dirt excavation done that we can use the dirt and will pay for the hauling of it.

The dates and times for our scheduled Board meetings were decided on.
They are: 9 a.m. May 5, 2002
9 a.m. June 2, 2002
9 a.m. June 30, 2002
9 a.m. August 4, 2002
The place for the meetings will be posted on our bulletin boards so our members can attend these open Board meetings.

Submitted by:
Original signed by
Ann Kurten, Secretary

SPLOA NEWSLETTER May 28, 2002

Dear SPLOA Members,
The summer season in the mountains has begun and the water was turned on the first week in May. The aspen green is going up our mountains and the scrub oak is starting to leaf out on the Association. There has been very little snow the past two winters and also very little rain... that is called a prolonged drought. The water flow from our springs and wells is one half of what it was last year and unless there is plentiful rain it will not get better and could get worse. Our ponds and lake are half full or half empty...depending if you are an optimist or a pessimist. Additional fish would not survive because of the low water level; therefore, it was not possible to stock the lakes as planned. Fish are being caught and some have been good sized.

These are notices posted on our gate;
EXTREME DRY CONDITIONS
DUE TO THE VERY DRY CONDITIONS WE, AS MEMBERS OF SPLOA MUST BE VERY CONSERVATIVE WITH OUR WATER USAGE.
1. CHECK FOR WATER LEAKS
2. ONLY FILL YOUR PERSONAL STORAGE TANK AFTER CONSULTING WITH TOMMY OR MANUEL
3. REPORT ANY LEAKS ON THE ASSOCIATIONS WATER LINES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE DON’T LOSE ANY LARGE QUANTITIES OF WATER
FIRE DANGER
NO OUTSIDE FIRES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING OUTDOOR GRILLS.
THIS IS THE DRIEST IT HAS BEEN IN THIS AREA IN THE PAST 50 YEARS.
WE MUST USE EXTREME CAUTION TO PRESERVE OUR PROPERTY AND SURROUNDINGS. PLEASE HELP!!

Our water engineer has submitted an amended water plan to keep us in compliance with the State Water Board. Our goal is to submit a permanent plan this summer and have it approved.

There haven’t been many bear sightings this year. People who illegally feed bears or other big game or leave garbage out can lead to a fine. Remove the food source and they will stop coming
around. It is predicted to be a bad bear year because of the shortage of food.

Many of our members have removed their travel trailers over the winter as requested by the Architectural Committee and as stated in our Covenants. Our special meeting to discuss the covenants was held on May 26 but there was not enough attendance to consider it a meeting so we will try again later in the season.

I would like for those of you who have e-mail or fax to give me your e-mail/fax number. This would make it a lot easier and cheaper to communicate.

Hope to see you in the mountains,
Ann Kurten, Secretary e-mail makurten@earthlink.net

SPLOA NEWSLETTER June 22, 2002

Hooray!!!!!
We finally got some measurable rain yesterday and also in the night. It measured over a half inch. It is cloudy today so maybe we will get some more. As reported before we are in the midst of the worst drought in over fifty years. Our ponds are getting lower and lower and the extreme danger of fire exist. The fires that were close enough to us that we could see the smoke every day have been contained or are out. Now all we need is a lot more rain for the rest of the summer, which isn’t in the forecast.

We had the water pump that pumps water to the higher water tanks quit on us last week. Tommy Poole was able to replace it after a lot of effort to find one the right size. It seems that all the local places were sold out because people with wells were buying the larger sizes to help them out because of the drought conditions. Tommy got the same brand as we had before and it has a 1.5 horsepower motor so it does the job required even better. We have had three breaks in the water lines so far this season, which isn’t good, but it is less than in the past.

So far the bears haven’t been the problem they were last year. There have been very few sightings. One that has been seen a few times is a little cinnamon cub. We are also seeing some elk on the Association.

The SPLOA Board of Directors has a scheduled meeting the 6th of July at 9 a.m. These meetings are open to any members that want to attend.
Our first potluck dinner was held last weekend. It was attended by 28 people and as always the food and friendship was great. These are scheduled the third Saturday of each month during the summer. Try to come and join us.

This is a reminder to all members who are planning to build on their lot. No dwelling or other improvement shall be erected, placed or altered on any premises on said property until a plot plan and building plans and specifications have been approved in writing by the Architectural Committee. The members of the Committee are Jeff Archer, Fred Garcia, Bob Rogers and Dean Wyatt. Their phone #’s, addresses and e-mail addresses are listed on our web site, also they were sent out with the annual meeting minutes.

Submitted by: Ann Kurten, Secretary

SPLOA Board Meeting July 7, 2002

The Board of Directors met July 6th, 2002 for a scheduled meeting. The Board Members present were Don Dorrough, Houston Ewing, Manuel, Hernandez, Lonnie Stuht and Ann Kurten. There were also 15 member guests there.

The meeting started with a statement from Houston Ewing about the status of our water situation. He had recently spoken with our water engineer who because of the drought situation said it would be a while before the state would find time to consider the plans that we have presented. Manuel said that our big spring was still producing 7 gals a minute, which has been enough to provide enough for our needs. He also brought up the fact that our 4wheeler that is used by Tommie Poole has been to the shop twice for repairs and it is still having problems. There was discussion about possibly having to buy a new one. Manuel said he would take it to the shop one more time.

The gate key problem was again discussed. The fact that there are so many out there that are not accounted for, we need to get a new lock and replacement keys or go for the magnetic card system. This has been discussed before. We will try to get written estimates of each type of system and than make a decision.

Bob Rogers, member of the architectural committee, suggested there to be a form application that persons who would be building on the association would have to submit to the
committee and be approved and signed by at least three of the committee members.

The Board approved this. Lonnie had an idea that the Association could require a building permit from members building on the Association. He will do some further study on this and also talk to the county building inspector about it. There was also a reminder that a septic system must be in place before a water tap can be connected.

The use of our wells was discussed, meters are required if they are used. There were suggestions about the water flow into the big lake and what improvements could be done.

This will be looked into. The fishing has not been too good recently and because we are getting some rain Manuel will have the big lake stocked as soon as possible.

Ann mentioned that there is a problem for our Treasurer, Charlene, when there are new owners of property and she is not informed about who they are. When any property is sold it is important for the sellers to inform the association.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held the 11th of August. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Ann Kurten, Secretary

SPLOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 4, 2002

The Board of Directors met one week before their scheduled meeting because a forum was possible and would not be at the scheduled time. The Board members present were Houston Ewing, Don Dorough, Lonny Stuht and Ann Kurten.

The meeting started with a statement by Houston Ewing pertaining to a new state requirement for filtration of water turbidity. In the past we were required to post a notice to boil drinking water if the turbidity was too high, which we did. To comply with the new state requirement the Association has hired Bob Best, a water quality engineer, who will let us know what changes will be needed to comply with the state standards. A plan will go to the state telling what we will do be in compliance. Because the cost of this is an unknown we will put off any change to our gate locking system at this time.
There was a discussion about buying some road base to help maintain our roads where they wash the worst. We will get estimates from some local providers.

We discussed the annual cost to the tract owners and voted to increase their fee to $135. A letter will be enclosed with their bill stating the reason for the increase.

Lonny said that he has talked to the county inspector about the Association having an association building permit requirement. This will be part of the Architectural Committee’s new application forms. There will be a $25 refundable permit fee. The county will require that a person building on the association will have to show that they have met the association’s requirements.

The next meeting will be an agenda meeting for Board Members only on Sept. 1, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.
Submitted by:  
Ann Kurten, Secretary

**SPLOA NEWSLETTER August 21, 2002**

There will be work on the road from the gate up past the switch back and up to the water tank on the left. This work should start at the end of this week. The road will remain open but there may be some waits. There will be a building up of the road base for a lasting improvement. This does cost money so it will have to be done in increments on the association roads over a few years. A special request to all road walkers on the association, if you see a rock that can be kicked or moved by hand to the side of the road, do it.

The pot luck dinner last sat. Was attended by 35 hungry people who all got their fill. We encourage everyone to attend the dinners if you can, it’s a good way to meet and visit with your neighbors.

The bear situation is different this year. There are three small bears cubs without mothers who are seen everyday by someone. They swim in the lake and are not too afraid of humans. We hope they can be rescued by the game wardens so they can survive the winter.
We have not had any rain for over two weeks. There are afternoon clouds but they don’t produce more than a few sprinkles. In july we had enough rain to green up the meadows and cause the flowers
to bloom but it is drying up again. There hasn’t been enough rain to add to the ponds and the water level is getting lower and lower.

Be sure and attend the association’s annual meeting the 1st of Sept. if you can.
Ann Kurten, Secretary

SPLOA NEWSLETTER September 21, 2002

The season is drawing to an end. The water turn off is scheduled for this coming weekend, Sept. 28th. The water turn off could occur early if there is an early-prolonged freeze that is predicted by the weather channel. As usual volunteer help is needed.
It would be wonderful if every member could have been here this week. We had some not too good weather, cold, windy and snowy but the result was the mountain peaks are covered with a thick layer of snow. The sky cleared and was the most beautiful blue in contrast to the white mountains. We got an inch or more of rain/snow. The Apishapa and Herlick are running full for the first time this season and there is a lot of snow melt to soak in. Lets hope for more this winter. Also the moon is full and reflecting on those peaks.
Today was our last Pot Luck dinner for the season. There were 39 persons in attendance with lots and lots of delicious food. Also the weather was in the 70’s so it was perfect.

Have a good winter. We’ll try to keep you posted on the snow report.
Ann Kurten, Secretary

SPLOA Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2002

On Sept. 17 an e-mail was sent to the board members to notify them of a special meeting to be held on Sept. 21, 2002. The meeting was held at Huston Ewing’s cabin. Those in attendance were Huston Ewing, Manuel Hernandez, Ann Kurten with Dean Wyatt connected by phone. With four members there was a quorum to conduct business.

The first matter of discussion was the hiring of Yolanda Thomas as our “water person” for the 2003 season. She is considered competent to do the job and will be contracted to do the job. The vote was three for hiring her with Manuel abstaining. Her
husband Bobby Thomas will assist on a volunteer basis as other persons do. They will live in the Association’s cabin.

We had a vote on adding a room to the cabin for more storage space and room for a washer and dryer, also a lean-to to accommodate the Association’s four-wheeler to protect it from the weather. The vote was two to one with Manuel abstaining. The construction will be done. The labor will be free.

Our winter security’s job was discussed. His salary will be raised $25 for the coming winter season. A few complaints from members will be discussed with him so hopefully there will be no future complaints.

The fact that we need to buy 5 new water meters and they need to be calibrated was discussed. This will be done for the coming season.

Submitted by:
Ann Kurten, Secretary

Letter from President December 20, 2002

This letter is to update you on things that are on going at SPLOA, even though winter has set in.

With the permission of the local water commissioner, Danny Valentine, we were able to fill most of the ponds on the Association while the Herlick was flowing in late September and early October. There has been very little snow this fall so far and not any snow pack on the Peaks.

We are continuing to work on the water turbidity problem that the state has required us to try to solve. Our water quality engineering firm has provided us with two types of filtration system that should solve our problem, these systems are very expensive, but we don't have a lot of options. One system requires a chemical additive and an installed cost of approximately $20,000, 000, the second system is much larger, requires a fairly large installation area but does not require a chemical additive and takes less maintenance time. The cost of the second System is approximately $35,000 installed.

Our water quality engineering firm requested the state to extend our dead lines and were granted those extensions. Our new time lines are: preliminary engineering report is due January 12,
2003 for the states review; a final design report for state approval is due February 28, 2003; the Installation date is still July 31, 2003.

Concerning the water augmentation plan for our water use in the association, the state has approved our temporary augmentation plan, with basic same monitoring stipulations as in the past. We must purchase new certified water meters before this next season. (Ivan's Engineering Firm, is continuing to work on a permanent augmentation plan that our water lawyers (John Ha of Bratton-Mc Clow) can submit to the water court hopefully to be done this coming spring. At this time we are continuing to build a water plan without the use of the Aguilar water rights, based on the advice of our attorneys, because of the tremendous amount of legal fees and court battles they feel it would require to ever get those water rights implemented into use. But one of the four plans submitted to us does include the use of those water rights if we must go that route, which is not recommended.

Due to the unknown total cost of putting a water filter system in place and other related water cost all association projects have been put on hold (road repairs, gate locking system cabin addition. ATV Purchase and etc.)

To All Members of the SPLOA: if you have any concerns regarding the path that this Association Board is taking, feel free to contact me or any of the board members, we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Remember we do have open board meetings and any member is welcome to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We want to do what best serves the entire Association. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and look, forward to next spring and being at SPLOA.

Sincerely,
Houston Ewing, SPLOA Board President